



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Takumi FUSHIKI, et al.
Group Art Unit : 3663
Application No. : 10/790,073
Examiner : (Unassigned)
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Docket No. : 29284/269
For : METHOD OF PRESUMING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS BY
 USING FLOATING CAR DATA AND SYSTEM FOR
 PRESUMING AND PRESENTING TRAFFIC
 CONDITIONS BY USING FLOATING DATA

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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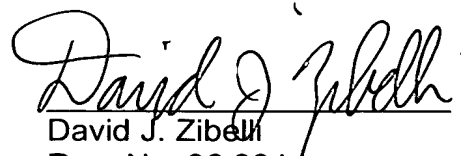
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☐ 5. The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☐ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.
- ☐ 8. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.
- ☐ 9. The reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. _____ filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).
- ☐ 10. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☐ 11. No copies of U.S. references are required.
- ☒ 12. a) U.S. Patent No. 5,539,645 and No. 6,012,012 were cited in an Office Action issued by the Chinese Patent Office. Copies of the Office Action and English translation thereof are enclosed.
- b) WO 98/15935, WO 98/12682 and WO 97/29470 were cited in the Australian Search and Examination Reports, copies of which are enclosed.
- c) EP 0 884 708, EP 0 936 590, DE 197 55 875 and WO 94/11839 were cited in the European Search Report, a copy of which is also enclosed.

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